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1. APPRECIATE CONCURRENCE IN NOMINATIONS OF TITUS MADISA AND ROSALINE MANNATHOKO. WE WILL PROCEED TO OBTAIN NECESSARY APPROVALS, ETC., REGARDING THEIR GRANTS.

2. WITH REGARD TO NON-CONCURRENCE OF CHIEPE IV GRANT, EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO RESUBMIT FOR THIS FISCAL YEAR. MINISTER CHIEPE BESIDES BEING FIRST WOMAN MINISTER IS ALSO MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT AND ELIGIBLE AND APPROPRIATE FOR IV ON THAT BASIS ALSO. GIVEN DR. CHIEPE'S NEW DUTIES AS MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, WE ARE MORE INTERESTED IN GIVING HER AN OPPORTUNITY FOR EXPOSURE TO AMERICAN BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH GENERAL ECONOMIC AND TRADE POLICY MATERS. WE FEEL, HOWEVER, THAT TIMING IS IMPORTANT. HER VIEWS TOWARD HER NEW RESPONSIBILITIES ARE STILL FORMING; OBSERVATION TRIP ALONG PROPOSED LINES WOULD, THEREFORE, BE MOST EFFECTIVE NOW RATHER THAN LATER WHEN SHE HAS ESTABLISHED PLANS AND PRIORITIES. EARLY VISIT WOULD ALSO BE CONSISTENT WITH CURRENT EMPHASIS ON WOMEN.

3. WE HAVE SEVERAL OTHER MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT UNDER CONSIDERATION AND AGREE MPHO MIGHT BE GOOD CANDIDATE.

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4. EMBASSY CONCURS IN CONTINUATION OF 4-H PROGRAM FOR BOTS-  
WANA AT \$7,000 RATE.

5. EMBASSY DOES NOT INTEND PARTICIPATE IN HARVARD TRADE UNION  
PROGRAM IN FY-75.

6. GIVEN FOREGOING, WE PROJECT FOLLOWING UTILIZATION OF  
\$37,000 BUDGET.

RICHARD MANNATHAKO IV	\$ 3,424
4-H PROGRAM	13,000
PHILIP MORGAN EXTENSION	2,000
TITUS MADISA IV	3,500
ROSALINE MANNOTHOKO IV	3,500
DOREEN NTETA IV	3,500
DR. CHIEPE IV	4,000
PARLIAMENTARIAN (MPHO) IV	4,000

7. AAI MAY BE ABLE TO BE OF ASSISTANCE ON ONE OR MORE OF  
THESE PROJECTS IF ADDITIONAL FUNDS ARE NOT AVAILABLE.

8. TO REITERATE CONCERNS REFERRED TO IN PARA 1 REF C, WE FEEL  
THAT DROP FROM ORIGINAL BUDGET PROPOSAL TO CURRENT LEVEL WILL  
HAVE A SEVERE EFFECT ON OUR EXCHANGE PROGRAM. POLITICAL DEVE-  
LOPMENTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA HIGHLIGHT OUR NEED FOR CONTINUED  
CLOSE AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH MEMBERS OF GOVERNMENT OF  
BOTSWANA AND ALL MEANS SHOULD BE UTILIZED TO ACHIEVE THAT  
GOAL. THE EXCHANGE PROGRAM IS ONE OF OUR MAJOR INSTRUMENTS  
FOR THAT PURPOSE AND THE DEEP BUDGET CUT SEVERELY HANDICAPS  
US. WE HOPE THAT RECONSIDERATION CAN BE MADE OF SEVERELY  
CONSTRAINED BUDGET LEVEL TO ALLOW OTHER WORTHY PROJECTS TO BE  
UNDERTAKEN.

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